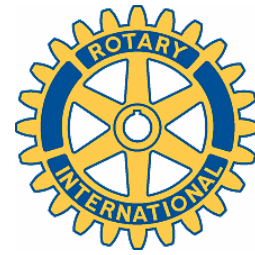




# District 6420 NEWS!

Rotary International  
Eldon T. Leemhuis, Governor



## March 2008

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, R-I President, 2007-2008

### “March 9-13 is Rotaract Week”



Monthly Attendance Report: [www.rotary6420.org](http://www.rotary6420.org)  
District 6420 forms & info: [www.rotary6420.org](http://www.rotary6420.org)  
R-I forms & info: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
LA Convention Info: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
DG Eldon : [dg6420for2007\\_2008@yahoo.com](mailto:dg6420for2007_2008@yahoo.com)

#### UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS & DATES

Keep current at:

[www.rotary6420.org](http://www.rotary6420.org) or [www.rotary6420.net](http://www.rotary6420.net)  
and click on **CALENDAR**

- Mar 1 District Leadership, Comm. Chair & AG training
- Mar 6 PETS I at Deer Valley
- Mar 7 GSE Team arrives home from England/Wales
- Mar 7-9 Outbound Youth Orientation at Rock Falls
- Mar 15 PETS II at Kishwaukee Community College

### From the Governor

#### TRAINING FOR THE 2008-2009 CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS STARTS WITHIN A FEW DAYS !!

District Governor-Elect Jim has announced that the **P**resident **E**lect **T**raining **S**essions ( **PETS** ) for 2008-2009 club officers and directors will be held on Thursday evening, March 6<sup>th</sup> at Deer Valley Country Club, about 10 miles south of Rock Falls on Route 40. PETS II will be on Saturday, March 15 at Kishwaukee Community College about 8 miles west of DeKalb on Route 38. The registration deadline is March 1 and the registration info is at [www.rotary6420.org](http://www.rotary6420.org) Simply click on CALENDAR and look for March 6<sup>th</sup> or March 15<sup>th</sup>. Both dates have the same download application.

At the mid-year meetings all clubs received the 2007-2008 pamphlet of Club & Member Awards that are available this year. There were 19 of them listed. Please make sure that your club committee chairs are aware of these requirements and due dates:

- Mar. 15 External Relations Best Coop Project Award
- Mar. 28 Governor's Public Relations Award
- Mar. 28 Club Officer of the Year
- Mar. 28 New Rotarian of the Year
- Mar. 28 Rotarian of the Year
- Mar. 28 District Service Above Self Award

- Mar. 28 New Generations Award
- Mar. 30 RI Public Relations Award
- Mar. 31 Presidential Citation
- Apr. 15 RI Recognition of Membership Dev. Initiatives
- May 15 Recognition of Small Club Member Growth
- May 15 RI Membership Dev & Extension Award

In reference to the [Rotary International Presidential Citation](#), qualifying clubs **MUST** have a net membership gain of **ONE**. As of the publication of this newsletter, only 23 clubs have that net gain. **HOWEVER**, this is a [Rotary International](#) award and they go by the membership numbers that have been reported to RI. Get your membership updates to [Rotary International](#).

Good luck to all of our clubs.

*DG Eldon*

Where in the world are they?



#### Ambassadorial Scholar Brad Butterfield Studying in Hong Kong

The first photo shows the coast of the city of Nha Trang, Vietnam. This was definitely one of those places I had wanted to witness -- the tourism industry is rampant here and creates a segregation between local and western cultures. Hotels and restaurants targeting western visitors are very dense along the shoreline. When I first got into town I wandered around the inland and ended up in the 'actual' city. Many of the residents worked on farmland near their homes. I think my presence came as a shock to many of the local citizens, as it is most likely rare for any travelers to venture to their part of town.

In the second photo, I am in Singapore at the building One Raffles Quay. I am with Helen, a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Alum, at her place of work. She is from Hong Kong and studied in the USA on her scholarship. We chatted on the 47th floor of the building and looked down upon Central Singapore.

**GSE TEAM ENJOYS ENGLAND / WALES**

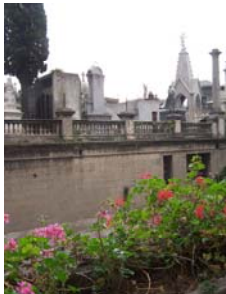


Team Leader Carter Newton  
Tim Zollinger, Pamela Schingoethe, Rebecca Hooks and Jennifer Selchow.



Team leader Carter Newton reports “.by the way it was so nice to land in Birmingham to sunny skies, green grass and warm temperatures . . . Cheers. It’s not often you can say that the weather in England is better than NW Illinois”. “It seems that every Rotarian’s job is to fill us full of food !!!!! I think Rotarian’s like to host us, because every one of our lunches has been in a pub or in a home. The first thing that’s served is beer or wine. The Rotarian’s here are first in line. I think they see it as a good excuse to drink at noon.”

Our District 6420 Peace Scholar Mary Bean from Geneseo reports that all is going well. This week is her final exam for a required Spanish class that had to be taken before the orientation for the Master’s program.



This view from the home she is presently staying in is of the Recoleta Cemetery where Eva Peron and many other important historical figures are buried. She reported that she loves Buenos Aires so far, especially now that her luggage has finally arrived. There will be a total of ten Peace Scholar students in her class.

*The future of Rotary is shrouded in expectant mystery. It is for you my new Rotarian friends to aid in the unfurling of the Rotarian destiny.*

Paul Harris  
Message to 1914 RI Convention  
Houston, Texas



**LaSalle Rotary Club is**



**“On the Road Again”**

Effective immediately, the LaSalle Rotary Club is meeting at The Paramount Catering Hall, 2411 St. Vincents Avenue at 12:00 noon on Wednesdays.

**WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE MATCHING GRANTS**

Many of our clubs have requested assistance from the District for World Community Service Matching Grants. Plans have been made to have a Rotary International Grant Seminar in conjunction with PETS I on Thursday evening, March 6<sup>th</sup> at Deer Valley. This seminar is **NOT** for your club president or incoming president. It is for one person in your club who has an interest in the grant program and will follow through with any successful grant application for the duration of the project. The District Foundation Committee has set a limit of \$10,000 per year maximum with no single grant receiving more than \$2,000. In addition, **NO CLUB** request will be considered if the requesting club did not send a representative to this grant writing seminar. Material will be provided to each club during this seminar and explained by a representative from Rotary International in Evanston. The reservation form for this Grant Seminar is part of the PETS I reservation form that is available at [www.rotary6420.org](http://www.rotary6420.org) when you simply click on CALENDAR and look for March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**KISHWAUKEE  
SUNRISE  
agrees that  
ROTARY IS  
INTERNATIONAL**



Members of the Kishwaukee Sunrise Club celebrated February 5<sup>th</sup> with an evening meeting focused on the International theme. Returning 2006-2007 Ambassadorial Scholar Korah Winn spoke on her time in Northern Ireland as well as comments on other international travels that she has experienced over the past few years. L to r: President Nancy Peltz, Yvonne Sterkel, Secretary Marc Loomer, Jan Loomer and Fred Peltz.

**WANT SOME \$ FOR YOUR CLUB ?**

**2007-2008 Governors Challenge:** For you club presidents, don’t forget about the District 6420 Governors Challenge where you can win up to \$500 for your club. Complete details of how your “participation points” add up are in the PETS manual provided to you last March. The object is **ROTARY PROGRAM PARTICIPATION** and **ON TIME REPORTING**. Second place is \$300 and \$200 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

## World Water Week

UNICEF& the Rotary  
action group  
WASRAG\*



Join us on June 12<sup>th</sup>, on your way to the RI Convention .....

*Hear*, first hand, President Wilf Wilkinson 's emphasis on water & sanitation

*Be inspired* by Sunita Narain, World Water Laureate, recognized for her work on rainwater harvesting and community-based sustainable resource management

*Learn* how to ensure sustainability in your projects

*Share* with others the lessons you have learned

*Discover* how to qualify for multi-million dollar funding for your water programs

*Participate* in setting the direction for WASRAG

We look forward to seeing you there. Why not enroll now at the Early Bird price of \$75? After April 1<sup>st</sup> the enrollment fee will go up to \$90. A detailed agenda will be available shortly.

Just click on the link:

[http://www.sporg.com/pom/registration?cmd=event\\_info&event\\_id=102180](http://www.sporg.com/pom/registration?cmd=event_info&event_id=102180)

For more information on the Summit, please contact:  
Carolyn Meub  
[Carolyn.meub@purewaterfortheworld.org](mailto:Carolyn.meub@purewaterfortheworld.org)  
802-747-0778

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### And a few more District Directory changes

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Can a club of fifty or a hundred members influence the character of a small city? It has been clearly proven that Rotary clubs do influence the characters of the cities in which they are established. The influence naturally is most noticeable in the smaller communities. Many a dejected, spiritless town of the Main Street variety has been revived and invigorated. Existence can become drab indeed in small towns where there is no public spirit and where home folds are given to bickering and gossip. If the spirit is what it should be, life should be at its best in the smaller communities.

*Paul Harris, This Rotary Age*



**NEED A VOLUNTEER?**

**Doug will do it !!!**

They say if you want someone to do a job, ask a busy person. Last September I included this photo of Harvard Rotarian Doug Mather with RI President Wilf. I think that I now know why they were meeting. Since a change in the officers at the Harvard Rotary Club, Doug has now become the Club President, President-Elect and Secretary. President Wilf was most likely trying to talk him into taking on another appointment somewhere in Rotary. Maybe Doug can find time for another position after he finished the computer registration for all of the Grand Rapids crew.

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## Addresses for Rotary International

Normal correspondence is sent to:

Rotary International  
One Rotary Center  
1560 Sherman Avenue  
Evanston, IL 60201



To send Foundation money the address is:

The Rotary Foundation  
14280 Collections Center Drive  
Chicago, IL 60693

**Always include your club name and club number**

To send dues the address is:

Rotary International  
14255 Collections Center Drive  
Chicago, IL 60693

**Always include your club name and club number**

Questions concerning your Rotary International Dues or outstanding balance, contact:

Irene Samoylovich  
[Irene.samoylovich@rotary.org](mailto:Irene.samoylovich@rotary.org)  
Phone: 847-866-3463

**Always include your club name and club number**

Rotary International is receiving letters and funds from 32,000 clubs in 172 different countries. You MUST include your club number on all checks and correspondence. Your club number is listed on your club page in the District Directory.

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### NEW PAUL HARRIS SUSTAINING MEMBERS

**Milan:** Mary Arnold  
Beau Brandt  
Brenda Brandt  
Ken Collinson  
Merlyn Raber

Paul Harris Sustaining Members are those who have committed themselves to becoming Paul Harris Fellows when their contributions reach \$1,000.

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**Money may not buy happiness, but with it you can be unhappy in comfort.**

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## New Paul Harris Fellows

Club:	Name
E. Moline/Silvis:	Peter Mitchell +3
IV Sunrise:	J. Burt
Loves Park:	Nicholas Tumilowicz
Rockford:	Cynthia Drollinger +1



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## Ambassadorial Scholar



**Daniel J. Sadowski**  
sponsored by the  
**LaSalle Rotary Club**  
has been assigned to the  
**Universitetet I Oslo**  
Oslo, Norway

On 9 January 2008 the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation approved the application for a 2008-2009 Ambassadorial Scholarship to Daniel James Sadowski, sponsored by the Rotary Club of LaSalle. Dan was one of eight applicants who were interviewed last July by our District Scholarship Committee.

Dan will graduate from Drake this spring with a major in Biochemistry Cell and Molecular Biology. As an Ambassador for Rotary, Dan can use his background in community affairs where he has participated in the Don Adams Leadership Institute, Chemistry Club, and the Premedical Organization at Drake. In the community, Dan serves at St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Student Center, Iowa Kids Fest and the Jensen Elementary School Fun Night where he was observed having just as much fun as the elementary kids. He also assists at the Mercy Medical Center.

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## How about Ambassadorial Scholar Candidates for 2009-2010 ??

During November and December, each of our clubs were asked to seek applicants for the July 2008 Ambassadorial Scholar interviews. Now that the college spring break season is here, it is time to have those candidates start filling out the applications. The District Scholarship Chair is George Bass at [george.bass@countryfinancial.com](mailto:george.bass@countryfinancial.com). The application is available at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and search for 139-EN.

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Show you are a Rotarian  
as you drive the highways.



The State of Illinois has approved the **ROTARY** license plate, providing there are 800 auto owners who order the plate. For the application, go to [www.rotary6420.org](http://www.rotary6420.org) and click on CALENDAR followed by DOWNLOADS. One page is the basic information on costs and the other is for the application.

## DISTRICT 6420 ANNUAL GIVING GOAL \$160,765

Goal  
**\$160,765** →  
As of February 15  
**\$81,085.21** →  
50.437%

Now we need the  
other 49% !!  
Don't delay.  
**Send today !**



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**April 25-27**  
**Is this date on**  
**your calendar?**  
**District Conference**  
**in Ottawa !!!**



Plan to join the rest of the Rotarians around the District to the 2007-2008 District Conference. During the next few days you will be receiving information as to the events and activities as well as the registration forms. Join us to see what is happening around District and our Rotary World.

In addition to the club displays, the **SILENT AUCTION** for **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION** will be with us again. Each club is being asked to bring an item with an approximate value of \$50 for this auction. You are also asked to bring your checkbook so that you can bid on these items.

The Spouse Tours will include the many murals of Ottawa's Brush with History program. The above photo is of the painting of the digging of the Illinois & Michigan Canal going through Ottawa.

*And unfortunately, from time to time we must offer*  
**Our Condolences**

To the families of:

**Rochelle:** William H. Parsons



Photo by: Ashley Krepps, Youth Exchange 2006-2007

*"Above all things let us never forget that  
mankind constitutes one great brotherhood;  
all born to encounter suffering and sorrow,  
and therefore bound to sympathize with each  
other"*

Albert Pike



*May your thoughts and prayers  
bring comfort to the students  
and families of Northern Illinois  
University*

**We Welcome our  
Newest Rotarians in District 6420**

**Belvidere:** Faith Dabbs  
**E. Moline/Silvis:** Chuck McClaine  
**Galena:** Michael Hastings  
**Mendota:** Michael Long  
**Mount Carroll:** Anna Gray  
**Morrison:** Kathy Schmidt  
**Ottawa:** Cheryl Cato  
Randy Repp  
**Princeton:** Rex Conger  
Jeff Fiegenschuh  
**Rock Island:** Rufus Greer  
**Rockford:** Linda Heckert  
Christina Kamer  
**Sterling:** Jennifer Clydsdale  
George Mihel  
**Sycamore:** Jeffrey Frank  
**Wenona:** Michael Flahaven  
Roger Gabrielse  
Randall Vincent

You're happiest while you're making  
the greatest contribution.

**Robert F. Kennedy**



**P**resident  
**E**lect  
**T**raining  
**S**ession

**P.E.T.S**

Attention all Rotarians: Make note of these  
VERY IMPORTANT upcoming district meetings  
and mark down on your calendars the  
meetings that are important to you.

**March 1, 2008 Leadership, District Committee Chair and  
AG training 12:30pm-4:00pm at CGH Medical Center,  
Sterling.**

Who should go: 2008-2009 District Leadership, District  
Committee Chairs and AGs

For all involved this will be a day to prepare you for next  
Rotary year.

**March 6, 2008 PETS I, District Assembly, Club  
Secretary/Treasurers, Club Public Relations officers, and  
the Rotarian/s who are interested in Club Matching Grants.  
5:30pm-9:00pm at Deer Valley Country Club, Rt. 40, 8  
miles south of Rock Falls.**

Who should go: 2008-2009 Club Presidents,  
Secretaries/Treasurers, Club PR person, and the club  
Rotarian/s who is interested World Communities Service and  
in the Matching Grants and who will be doing that job for a few  
years.

President Elects will be voting on next year's budget and  
planning your year as Club President. For all the other  
participants this will be a night of training for the future.

**March 15, 2008 PETS II training. 8:30am-  
2:30pm Kishwaukee College**

Who should go: Club President Elects, District Committee  
Chairs and any Rotarian who would like to know more  
about Rotary.

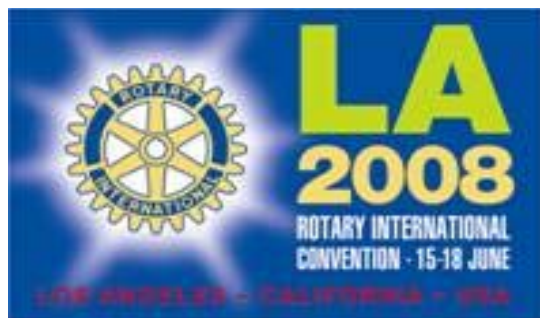
District Leadership and Committee Chairs will be informing us about what they have accomplished and what is their future plans of the upcoming year of Rotary.

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Agendas and registration forms are on our district website: [www.rotary6420.org/](http://www.rotary6420.org/) and click on the "calendar" box.

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**SIGN UP NOW!!!**



Register before 31 March  
and save \$40.00  
The process is simple -

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



Each club was provided their Rotary Youth Leadership Awards packet at the Mid-Year meetings in January. District RYLA Chair Dave Diamond has provided you with not only report on why you should be sending students to this camp, but also the tentative weekend schedule as well as the application blank.

Application deadline: April 11, 2008  
RYLA Weekend: May 2-4, 2008

## Presidential Citation 2007-2008

The word from RI President Wilf, for a club when applying for the 2007-2008 Presidential Citation

“ Membership Goal (required)  
Have a net increase of one member by  
31 March 2008.”

Per the numbers reported on the monthly attendance report, the following clubs have a net membership gain of at least one, as of January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**However**, this is a Rotary International award and they will be using the membership numbers that are recorded at the Rotary International headquarters on 31 March 2008. Make sure your membership list is up to date. Presidents and Secretaries can go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and click on MEMBER ACCESS to view and update your club listing.

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### District Award for Club Newsletters

We have a change in the address to send your club newsletters for the judging. Since the Governor has been on the mailing list of many of our clubs, he will be assembling the newsletters for judging rather than the District PR Chair Brian Adams. To date, the following 20 clubs have their newsletters already in the packets for judging and no further action is required:

DeKalb, East Moline / Silvis, Granville, Henry, Lacon, LaSalle, Marseilles, Milan, Moline, Morrison, Oregon, Ottawa Noon, Ottawa Sunrise, Princeton, Quad Cities, River Cities, Rochelle, Rock Island, Rockford, and Sandwich.

If you would like to have yours included in the competition, please submit a minimum of two copies to:

DG Eldon Leemhuis, 708 W. Jackson Street  
Ottawa, IL 61350-2627

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*What we have done for ourselves alone  
dies with us; what we have done for  
others and the world -  
remains and is immortal.*

**Albert Pike**

## Membership and Attendance for District 6420

	Members		Attendance												For the Month
	July 1	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	January 31	
Belvidere	50	55%	54%	54%	64%	55%	55%	59%	.	.	.	.	.	51 (+1)	
Belvidere Bright Horizons	13	60%	55%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	.	.	.	.	.	13	
DeKalb	25	53%	60%	63%	61%	55%	74%	58%	.	.	.	.	.	27 (+2)	
Dixon	69	63%	57%	58%	58%	64%	58%	64%	.	.	.	.	.	73 (+4)	
East Moline – Silvis	108	83%	81%	81%	74%	77%	77%	81%	.	.	.	.	.	107 (-1)	
Erie	14	62%	73%	50%	65%	76%	65%	46%	.	.	.	.	.	13 (-1)	
Freeport	86	70%	73%	70%	71%	72%	69%	68%	.	.	.	.	.	90 (+4)	
Freeport Sunrise	16	73%	76%	69%	77%	69%	76%	78%	.	.	.	.	.	17 (+1)	
Galena	81	69%	78%	74%	86%	66%	69%	78%	.	.	.	.	.	85 (+4)	
Geneseo	52	62%	65%	70%	69%	71%	68%	68%	.	.	.	.	.	52	
Granville	31	68%	73%	78%	81%	73%	80%	68%	.	.	.	.	.	29 (-2)	
Harvard	19	63%	68%	60%	62%	67%	60%	72%	.	.	.	.	.	15 (-4)	
Henry	37	76%	84%	81%	84%	72%	72%	83%	.	.	.	.	.	36 (-1)	
Illinois Valley Sunrise	35	48%	55%	58%	53%	53%	67%	69%	.	.	.	.	.	35	
Kishwaukee Sunrise	48	69%	70%	76%	73%	78%	86%	69%	.	.	.	.	.	44 (-4)	
Lacon	23	72%	70%	74%	78%	72%	83%	68%	.	.	.	.	.	24 (+1)	
LaSalle	42	69%	65%	63%	61%	54%	60%	51%	.	.	.	.	.	55 (+13)	
Loves Park	41	85%	83%	83%	82%	81%	93%	86%	.	.	.	.	.	42 (+1)	
Marseilles	19	75%	63%	65%	72%	75%	72%	75%	.	.	.	.	.	20 (+1)	
Mendota	13	76%	100%	92%	72%	92%	92%	75%	.	.	.	.	.	13	
Milan Area	33	54%	58%	54%	67%	66%	67%	66%	.	.	.	.	.	37 (+4)	
Moline	152	74%	74%	66%	76%	71%	81%	72%	.	.	.	.	.	148 (-4)	
Morrison	51	62%	64%	58%	61%	67%	69%	65%	.	.	.	.	.	49 (-2)	
Mount Carroll	19	55%	44%	50%	50%	51%	42%	54%	.	.	.	.	.	22 (+3)	
Northern Winnebago County	17	41%	59%	58%	56%	70%	52%	65%	.	.	.	.	.	15 (-2)	
Oregon	56	53%	56%	53%	55%	53%	57%	56%	.	.	.	.	.	57 (+1)	
Ottawa	76	58%	62%	65%	62%	53%	61%	63%	.	.	.	.	.	79 (+3)	
Ottawa Sunrise	18	61%	75%	75%	69%	73%	80%	75%	.	.	.	.	.	21 (+3)	
Pecatonica	12	87%	58%	77%	68%	72%	64%	70%	.	.	.	.	.	17 (+5)	
Peru	47	72%	63%	62%	66%	70%	53%	69%	.	.	.	.	.	46 (-1)	
Plano	18	57%	50%	56%	49%	68%	65%	64%	.	.	.	.	.	19 (+1)	
Princeton	76	83%	89%	87%	86%	83%	72%	86%	.	.	.	.	.	81 (+5)	
Quad Cities	19	68%	65%	67%	44%	71%	60%	67%	.	.	.	.	.	21 (+2)	
River Cities	31	47%	59%	62%	60%	63%	67%	59%	.	.	.	.	.	30 (-1)	
Rochelle	88	59%	66%	58%	66%	66%	54%	67%	.	.	.	.	.	92 (+4)	
Rock Falls	24	89%	88%	93%	79%	85%	84%	92%	.	.	.	.	.	25 (+1)	
Rock Island	110	60%	59%	62%	68%	66%	64%	61%	.	.	.	.	.	103 (-7)	
Rockford	231	n/a	n/a	39%	38%	41%	39%	39%	.	.	.	.	.	219 (-12)	
Rockford East/Cherry Valley	38	68%	63%	61%	60%	64%	66%	66%	.	.	.	.	.	39 (+1)	
Sandwich	18	83%	82%	73%	80%	69%	77%	77%	.	.	.	.	.	16 (-2)	
Savanna	34	73%	63%	65%	64%	69%	69%	69%	.	.	.	.	.	30 (-4)	
Sterling	59	78%	37%	75%	65%	64%	41%	55%	.	.	.	.	.	61 (+2)	
Streator	30	38%	46%	52%	52%	50%	53%	53%	.	.	.	.	.	29 (-1)	
Sycamore	78	66%	58%	67%	63%	63%	63%	62%	.	.	.	.	.	77 (-1)	
Toluca	17	_x_	_x_	62%	76%	62%	60%	66%	.	.	.	.	.	17	
Twin Cities	34	67%	64%	67%	67%	71%	73%	73%	.	.	.	.	.	41 (+7)	
Walnut	25	72%	78%	91%	87%	70%	79%	78%	.	.	.	.	.	24 (-1)	
Wenona	19	60%	61%	71%	71%	70%	59%	68%	.	.	.	.	.	16 (-3)	

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2252 per Rotary International July 2007 records

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**Secretaries: Record your attendance, new members, new Paul Harris Sustaining Members & Paul Harris Fellows at [www.rotary6420.org](http://www.rotary6420.org) and click on CALENDAR.**